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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Angela Hui et al.
Serial No.: 10/032,757
Filed: December 27, 2001
Group Art Unit: 2814
Before the Examiner: Marcos D. Pizarro Crespo
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FORMING DUAL
GATE STRUCTURES IN A NONVOLATILE
MEMORY USING A PROTECTIVE LAYER

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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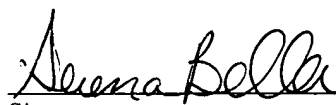
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 3, 2003 (Paper No. 8), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 3, 2004, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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